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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INCREASE IN PER DIEM RATE

1. CURRENTLY THERE IS NO HOTEL SPACE THAN THE LUSAKA INTERCONTINENTAL AVAILABLEFOR PERSONNEL ARRIVING FOR THE SECRETARY'S VISIT. FIFTY ADVANCE PARTY MEMBERS ARE ALREADY ACCOMODATED IN LUSAKA INTERCON AND THE TOTAL NUMBER WILL RISE TO WELL OVER ONE HUNDRED AT THE TIME OF THE VISIT. FOLLOWING RECENT INCREASE IN ROOM RATES, INTERCON IS NOW CHARGING ZK26.62 (U.S. DOLS 33.43) PER DAY FOR SINGLE AND ZK38.00 (U.S. DOLS 47.72) FOR DOUBLE. SERVICE CHARGE AND LOCAL TAX INCLUDED IN PRICE. ADDITIONAL CUSTOMARY LOCAL GRATUITY IS 5 PERCENT. HOTEL RESTUARANT FOOD PRICES HAVE ALSO RISEN ABOUT 25 PERCENT SINCE JULY REFLECTING ZAMBIA'S 20 PERCENT DEVALUATION OF THE KWACHA AT THAT TIME.

- 2. WITH FIFTY EMPLOYEES ALREADY INCURRING INCREASED EXPENSES, AND MORE TO COME FOR AN UNCERTAIN DURATION WE REQUEST IMMEDIATE REVISION, RETROACTIVE TO SEPTEMBER 6, OF LUSAKA PER DIEM RATE FROM DOLS 48.00 TO DOLS 67.00.
- 3. EMBASSY WILL SUBMIT DETAILED PRICE SURVEY DATA ON CURRENT HOTEL AND RESTUARANT PRICES SOONEST, BUT THERE IS NEED FOR AN ADJUSTMENT ON THE BASIS OF EQUITY.

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